

# MANNINGTON NEWS

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## GRAVE DECORATED BY POST SUNDAY

Extensive Program Planned in Mannington by Legion Tomorrow.

MANNINGTON, May 29.—Nearly thirty cars were required to carry the members of Charles Millan post of the American Legion and friends of the post to Shinnston yesterday to hold a memorial service at the grave of Dallis Loma Brown, Co. D, 320th U. S. Inf., 80th Division, who died of wounds received in the Argonne Forest, France, during the World War. The local post gave a military funeral for this comrade at Shinnston before the Shinnston post was organized.

The procession of cars went by way of Fairmont, leaving Legion headquarters at 11 o'clock. The line of vehicles made an impressive appearance as they wound along the highway in close formation, the streaming flags and familiar uniforms adding to the picture.

The arrival in Shinnston was made a little before 1 o'clock, and a halt was called by Post Commander H. M. Batson. When the procession again started to the cemetery, one and one-half miles from the city, many cars from Shinnston accompanied them.

The memorial service was the regular ritual ceremony, and was impressive in its execution. The simple words and unpretentious service held a depth of feeling that stirred everyone present. Post Chaplain Fred McIntyre delivered a touching prayer, after which Post Sergeant at Arms placed in position the official American Legion grave marker, and decorated the mound with poppies and a poppy wreath. At the command of Post Commander Batson the firing squad saluted the dead comrade, and while the ranks were still in formation a salute was given over the grave of another soldier nearby. Taps was then sounded by the buglers, and the march from the cemetery began.

The Women's Auxiliary had furnished a bountiful basket of food, and while the ranks were still in the crowd did ample justice to the good things to eat. The return home was made at 4 o'clock.

Boy Scouts were out in force. The boys' band furnishing some excellent music for the occasion. At 7:45 a delegation from the American Legion attended for the afternoon sermon to the senior class at high school auditorium.

A special request was made last night that all ball players appear for practice at Houghtown this evening at 5:30, to practice for the game with Cameron at 7:30 tomorrow afternoon. Captain Roy Burgess is very anxious to win from the visitors, and desires the team to be in first class condition.

The program tomorrow: 5:00—Reville. 9:00—All meet at Houghtown bridge to decorate graves. The ritual ceremony will be used. 9:30—Decorations of Private Cartwright's grave at Logansport. 10:15—Decorations of Private Hayes' grave at Whetstone. 10:30—Baseball game between Mannington High and East Side at Houghtown stadium.

11:00—Speaking at the Central school lawn by Dr. E. H. Vickers, head of the Department of Economics, West Virginia University. 12:00—Chow. 2:00—Meet on Pyles Fork avenue for parade. 3:30—Parade. Line of march: G. A. R. Veterans, band, two drum corps, American Legion, Woman's Auxiliary, Boy Scouts, Woman's Relief Corps, etc.

The route followed in the parade will be: Pyles Fork avenue across Brookside bridge, down Main street to Sycamore, up Water street to Clarksburg street, Clarksburg street to High street, High street to Monroe street, and back to Pyles Fork avenue.

3:30—Ball game between Cameron and the Legion nine at Houghtown park. 5:30—Exhibition drill by the American Legion at ball park. 6:00—Chow. 7:30—Open air concert on vacant lot adjoining the Central Automobile Corporation garage in Monroe street. 8:15—Boxing matches at the ball place. 10:30—Taps.

## SOUTHERN PACIFIC CONTROL UNLAWFUL

WASHINGTON, May 29.—The government won today in the Supreme Court in its suit to have the Southern Pacific Co.'s ownership of the Central Pacific Railways declared unlawful. The court, in deciding the case, the last of the great trust dissolution suits brought to the Supreme Court, reversed the decision of the federal court in Utah which held against the government. The decision of the Supreme Court, Justice Day stated, means that the Southern Pacific will be required to divest itself of all stock ownership in the Central Pacific or other control which it has held since 1885 by lease and 1899 by purchase.

## Letters to Editor From Mannington Will Be Published

In order that The West Virginian may more fully serve its readers in the Mannington and Mannington District, it will print on this page "Letters to the Editor," in which matters of public interest are discussed. In this manner The West Virginian will become a clearing house for the exchange of ideas concerning any local community undertaking. Names must be signed to all articles, but the names will not be published unless desired. Send your letters to C. W. Swiger, special representative, above Hays Hardware Store, Mannington.

## ANNUAL SERMON AT HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. C. E. Allen Addresses Mannington Graduating Class Last Night.

MANNINGTON, May 29.—Dr. C. E. Allen of Wheeling delivered the annual sermon to the senior class of Mannington High School at the school auditorium last night. A short musical program was given before and after the sermon.

Dr. Allen addressed his remarks directly to the high school students, taking the one-time condition of the Moabites, told of in the Bible, as the basis for his theme.

The Moabites, said Dr. Allen, were quiet, settled, peaceful and contented people, and had become confirmed idlers because of this pleasant condition. Because of their idleness the nation had ceased to progress, and had settled "on their leaves."

By sketching the condition of this people, he said, he hoped to bring out clearly the thought that life must bring obstacles, difficulties, hardships. It is by these things, he declared, "that your life receives its flavor. Difficulties offer an opportunity for growth through the conquering of them."

God has packed the universe with riches, he said, but when we come into the world we have not the wisdom to see them. Our mission, then, and the secret of the advancement of the race is the searching out of these riches through the overcoming of obstacles and difficulties.

As proof of his other statements, Dr. Allen mentioned how important interference and opposition is in games of sport. If we were to take away the elements of opposition and difficulty from games of sport, he declared, the entire zest of the games would be lost. It is the same in life, he assured the audience.

Dr. Allen expressed it as his belief that this is the most wonderful time in which men ever lived, and filled with the greatest possibilities. God, he said, is issuing a challenge to the world in the way of opportunities. He begged that the graduates of the high school go out into the world with the determination to "find a way, or make it."

A plea was made that the boys and girls face life from the angle of its religious content. "This is the most religious time the world has ever known," he declared. "The people of the Orient are in turmoil because of economic upheaval because they have begun to lose faith in their prophets and their teachings, and are beginning to learn and want Christianity. Religion is today the greatest single topic of conversation. But the saddest thing is that there are too many people who do not meet and grapple with the problems and difficulties of the Christian life."

Dr. Allen ended his sermon by an impassioned appeal to the graduates. "Whatever your place or position in life," he said, "determine that Christ will be the center of it, and throw yourselves into this utterly restless in the pursuit of nobler things. The program as rendered last night: Piano, "O Thou Sublime Evening Star," Wagner, by Miss Gail Wilbur; "Onward Christian Soldiers," congregation; invocation, the Rev. W. M. McDaniels; hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King," congregation; scripture reading, the Rev. O. E. Thorn; contralto solo, "Cast Thy Burden," Miss Reba Marr; sermon, Dr. C. E. Allen; anthem, "Occasional," de Koven; Girls' Chorus; benediction, the Rev. J. V. Kogant; piano, "Postlude in C," Ashford, Miss Gail Wilbur.

The service was in charge of the Rev. John Beddow, pastor of the First M. E. Church.

### WILL SELL POPPIES.

MANNINGTON, May 29.—Members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Charles Millan post of the American Legion will engage in selling poppies for the annual Decoration Day ceremonies here tomorrow. Many were sold yesterday for the memorial service at Shinnston.

These poppies are made by the women of France, who make their living in this way. The sale of these flowers has been the custom since the organization of the Legion, and it is said that the public has loyally supported the local post.

## EAST SIDE HERE AGAIN TOMORROW

Plenty of Entertainment for Mannington Visitors Decoration Day.

MANNINGTON, May 29.—People in Mannington will not be short of entertainment tomorrow, since a program has been arranged which includes nearly every kind of event customary.

It has lately been arranged to have a baseball game between East Side High and Mannington in the morning at 10:30, and great preparations are being made by the local team to win again. The game Saturday was an easy victory for Mannington, but Williams went into the box for East Side tomorrow it is said, and the result may not be the same.

The East Side team will leave Fairmont on the 9 o'clock car, and it is said that many Fairmont people are coming in autos to attend the game. It is said that nothing but an East Side victory will satisfy the Fairmont fans, and a hot test is expected.

The last game on the local high school schedule will be played at Houghtown Wednesday, when Grafon comes to play a return. Mannington lost heavily to this team earlier in the season, and Coach Jerry Blake has been preparing to make up for this by a smashing defeat Wednesday.

## Mannington Personals

James Hart of Fairmont was a business visitor in the city this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Eschenbaugh have gone to Indianapolis for the races.

Elmer Stewart of Farmington was in Mannington last evening, visiting friends.

Morris and Ray Gallagher and Fred Shine motored to Benton's Ferry yesterday afternoon.

Bernard Nutter was a visitor in Fairmont yesterday.

John Shine was visiting relatives and attending American Legion ceremonies held at Shinnston yesterday.

Bob Stansfield has returned to Mannington after a visit in New York state and Pennsylvania.

Everett Jones of Farmington was in the city last evening visiting friends.

Paul Williams of Fairmont motored to this city yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Donly S. Jones and children with Myron Snodgrass and some friends motored to Benton's Ferry yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles "Ted" Ferry of Morgantown were in the city visiting relatives over the weekend. It will be remembered that Mrs. Ferry was before her marriage Miss Evelyn Jones of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hamilton of Fairmont were visitors in the city yesterday afternoon.

Paul Gallagher of Fairmont motored to Mannington last evening, visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robbins and Miss Nell Hawkins of Fairmont motored to this city last evening.

## REPORTED MURDER IS FALSE ALARM

MANNINGTON, May 29.—Great excitement was caused Monday night by a report that a murder had been committed near Wallace and that the murderer had escaped in this direction in an automobile.

According to the reports received by the police, a man and a woman had been heard to get into an automobile when he tried to get out. A call to the police station here said the man was A. L. Robinson of Fairmont, and the car drove on toward Fairmont. Nothing more had been heard this morning.

A posse led by Chief of Police Masters and Policeman Cunningham boarded autos and drove to intercept the car. Chief Masters caught and stopped the machine near Whetstone, but for some reason did not search the occupants. They were released, since there was nothing apparently wrong, and the car drove on toward Fairmont.

MAN KEPT FROM WORK

MANNINGTON, May 29.—Two men coming to work at the D. T. S. Coal Co., mines at Salt Lick reported that a body of men from Wyatt had stopped them and drove them away this morning with the purpose of preventing them from working. One of the men returned to his home, but the other two continued to the mine. They also reported that the crowd of men from Wyatt were coming on to the mine to stop work there. Later, however, it was learned that they had turned back. So far no disturbance has been made at his mine.

## OPERETTA WILL BE PRESENTED TONIGHT

MANNINGTON, May 29.—The high school operetta, "Miss Cherry Blossom," will be presented to the public at the high school auditorium tonight at 8:15.

In the announcements last night, it was said that while the other attractions at the high school have been excellent, this is to be the best of the lot. Since the other plays at the school have been so well attended it is expected that the house will be filled early tonight.

Tomorrow night the annual junior-senior reception will be given. The place has not been announced yet, but it was stated by members of the class last night that it will probably be held in the junior high gym.

Wednesday night is "prize night," when the many different prizes, totaling over \$300 will be given out to more than thirty students of the local high school.

## SLUGFEST WON BY MANNINGTON NINE

East Side Loses by Score of 12 to 6 at Blackshere Saturday.

MANNINGTON, May 29.—Mannington High school won easily from the East Side baseball team Saturday in a very close game at Blackshere park. The score was 12 to 6.

East Side made three runs in the first inning when Stealey, East Side's pitcher, knocked the ball into deep center for two bags and scored Morgan and Layman, afterwards making home safely on a sacrifice.

Mannington came back in the next half and tied the score. Williams' error and four singles in a sacrifice, knocked the ball into deep center for two bags and scored Morgan and Layman, afterwards making home safely on a sacrifice.

East Side failed to score in the second inning, while Mannington gathered two runs on two hits and a sacrifice. Coach Jerry Blake substituted Ryan for Gump in the beginning of the second inning. He pitched a consistent game, scattering nine hits for three runs.

Stealey had another bad inning in the sixth, hitting two batters and allowing four hits for five runs.

The feature of the game was a fast double play in the seventh with two men on bases, Ryan to A. McCarnes, to Price. Mannington played a faster game in the field. Stealey played the best game for East Side, striking out nine men and hitting a double and three singles in five times at bat. Thomas led his teammates at bat with three singles and a sacrifice in five trips up.

The box score and summary: Mannington AB R H S P A E Price 1b.....5 2 3 0 16 0 1 McCarnes 2b 4 3 1 1 1 0 0 Hunter rf.....2 1 1 1 0 0 0 Thomas c.....4 3 1 5 3 1 0 McCarnes 2b 4 1 2 1 2 4 0 Gump p.....1 0 1 0 0 0 0 Mercer lf.....2 0 1 0 1 0 0 Prichard cf.....3 0 1 0 0 0 0 Ryan ss.....4 0 0 0 0 4 0 Bassett 3b.....3 0 1 3 0 3 1 Jones rf.....1 0 0 1 0 0 0 Rudy lf.....1 0 0 0 0 0 0 Garner if.....1 0 0 0 0 0 0 Ford lf.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Totals.....35 13 13 5 27 17 4 East Side AB R H S P A E Keener 2b c.....5 0 0 0 4 2 0 Criss 3b.....4 1 1 0 1 0 0 C. Morgan of 5 2 2 0 1 1 0 Layman c ss 4 1 4 0 3 0 0 Ryan ss 4 0 1 1 3 0 0 Williams ss 25 5 0 1 0 0 12 W. Morgan 1b 5 0 1 0 12 0 0 Traugh rf.....3 0 1 0 0 0 0 Moody lf.....4 0 1 0 0 0 0

Totals.....40 6 12 1 24 9 2 Stolen bases—Price 3; S. McCarnes 2; Thomas 2; Stealey and W. Morgan.

Two base hits—Stealey, Moody. Double plays—Ryan to A. McCarnes to Price.

Struck out—Stealey, 9; Ryan, 3; Gump 1.

Base on balls—Ryan, 2; Stealey 2.

Wild pitches—Stealey 2; Ryan 1.

Umpires—Gould and Robinson.

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## HOUSE BLOWN UP BY BLACKHANDERS

Fourteen Foreigners Barely Escape Death at Wellsburg Today.

WELLSBURG, W. Va., May 29.—Fourteen men, living in the home of Sam Sparato at Seventh and Yankee streets, Wellsburg, narrowly escaped with their lives early this morning when a bomb was exploded under the building, blowing the entire east side out and breaking windows for blocks around. The explosion occurred about 2:14 o'clock.

Up to a late hour this morning, no arrests had been made, but Sheriff H. H. Duvall and a posse of deputies were running down clues and arrests were expected. The explosion, however, was the work of blackhanders was the thought expressed by Sheriff Duvall. Sparato refused to make a statement, declining to say anything even to the authorities. His little son, however, when asked whether his father had ever received blackhand letters or warnings, said:

"I do not know, but you know they send the hands around and throw much money. If you don't pay, they blow up your house and its costs \$600 or \$700 to fix it up." With that he turned away and would say nothing more.

Windows for a half block around were blown out, while every window in the Kyle Hardware Co. building across the street was blown out or shattered. The ceiling of the second floor of the Kyle building was shaken down by the explosion, which woke up the entire town.

The building was a three story brick, and bricks from it were thrown nearly a half block falling on adjoining houses in showers.

Sheriff Duvall expressed the opinion that the bombs were of dynamite and had been dropped into an air vent beneath the building, hole several feet deep was blown under the foundation of the building.

That any one escaped death is miraculous as all occupants of the building were thrown from their beds and in one instance the entire side of the room in which three persons were sleeping was blowing out.

Sparato returned home yesterday from Mt. Pleasant, Mich. and conducts two shoe repair shops about town. He has been a resident of Wellsburg for several years.

## CONVENTION OPENS HERE THIS MORNING

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to West Virginia. Miss Poulk declared that "the club is growing in numbers, interest and influence and with the hearty cooperation of the business men everywhere, the club will become active in civic matters and in the matters of securing better and more efficient legislation in the state."

In her opening address this morning, Miss Poulk told how one year ago today in Charleston a band of thirteen women had met and formed the West Virginia Business and Professional Women's Club of West Virginia, and made history for the state. The women then planned, she said, to become active in civic matters and in the matters of securing better and more efficient legislation in the state.

Mrs. Forrest spoke in glowing terms of the spirit of the West Virginia clubs, which she said was second to none in the federation.

Many Delegates Present

When the session convened this morning, delegates were present from Huntington, Charleston, Parkersburg, Wheeling, Clarksburg, Morgantown, and Fairmont. The club not represented being Bluefield. A registration booth was maintained and delegates and visitors registered before the opening session, which convened promptly at 10 o'clock with Miss Stealey as president.

Following the address of Miss Poulk, the address of welcome to the city was delivered by Trevy Nutter, secretary of the Business Men's Association.

Mr. Nutter spoke for Mayor F. W. Conaway who was prevented from so doing by illness, and also for James C. Welton, president of the Business Men's Association, who was also detained. Mr. Nutter warmly welcomed the business women and boosted the Fairmont during the course of his remarks. His address was responded to by Miss Elizabeth T. Peck of Morgantown. Miss Peck made a most pleasing address and told of the aims of the West Virginia clubs to obtain the best in every vocation and business.

Programs Elaborate

Programs printed in green and white bore greetings from Governor

## OUTBURSTS of EVERETT TRUE

By CONDO

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DON'T DO IT MR. TRUE. I SAW IT YESTERDAY. IT'S LOW AND DEGRADING. IT'S NOT JUST RISQUE. IN SPOTS, IT'S IMMORAL. ALL THE WAY THROUGH, I WITNESSED IT FROM BEGINNING TO END.

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## BATLEY DECLARES MINERS ARE FIRM

Series of Meetings Held Over Week-End by Union in Local Region.

Claiming the miners are still standing firm, C. H. Batley, Fairmont, international representative, says there are no new developments in the general suspension with the miners of Northern West Virginia. A series of big meetings were held on Saturday and Sunday to stiffen up the morale of the miners and at least one will take place tomorrow.

Miners' Meetings.

At Rosemont, C. H. Batley, Fairmont; J. F. Fornasch, Grafon, president of sub-district 3; Ralph Aiello, Grafon, sub-district board member; A. Folio, Wendell, vice president of the State Federation of Labor, and Miss Lulu Montgomery, Fairmont, delivered addresses. Several thousand people were in attendance.

Nike Aiello, Fairmont, president of sub-district 4, addressed a large meeting of union miners at Grant Town Sunday afternoon. Between 400 and 500 crowded the hall.

Patrick Buckley, Fairmont, vice president of sub-district 4, addressed 300 miners at Jamison No. 8 yesterday. There were also miners present from Jamison Nos. 7 and 8. A large picnic will be held under the direction of miners' local No. 4016 at Rivesville. It will be an all day affair. The addresses will be made by C. H. Batley, Fairmont, and Nick Aiello, Fairmont.

On Thursday a mass meeting of miners will be held at Pinnick, Nick. Patrick Buckley, Fairmont, and others will speak.

Expresses Thanks.

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